

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: EXHIBIT 8.avi

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1300124.007

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Producer: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 25 March 2013

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 25 March 2013

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	EXHIBIT 8.avi	19:56
Total running time:		19:56

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer moving image file promotes and supports bestiality and is deemed to be objectionable. The footage explicitly depicts sexual acts between a woman and a male dog. The purpose of the publication is the entertainment and sexual arousal of viewers. The presentation

of bestiality as a pleasurable form of activity breaks down the taboos that surround it and presents bestiality as legitimate and desirable.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support bestiality.